

AMENDMENT

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equivalent to the amount of the original wager) or a loss of the initial wager. Although the addition of wild cards can increase the frequency of winning outcomes and increase the relatively high apparent rank of hands, the win or payouts will normally begin at a higher rank of hands, the win or payouts will normally begin at a higher rank of hand (e.g., at least three-of-a-kind in some wild card games) and the amount of the payout (as a factor of the original wager) will usually decrease with respect to each rank of hand. For example, in five card draw poker (with no wild cards) as compared to five card draw with one rank of card (e.g., deuces) wild, some comparative payouts would include:

~~Please delete the paragraph on page 10, bridging lines 14-15 to correct a) the absence of a closing parenthesis in line 21, correct the superscripting of the trademark symbol in line 20, and add "one bet" between 'and' and 'would' on line 25, by replacing the paragraph with the following:~~

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Resolving the at least one bet with respect to whether a) the first hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; b) the second hand of cards exceeds a minimum rank in the payout table; and c) first hand of cards and the second hand of cards both exceed a minimum rank in the payout table. The method may have all hands dealt from one or more decks of playing cards or a virtual deck or decks of playing cards. The deck of playing cards is most often a standard deck of fifty-two cards, but may comprise specialty decks of cards (e.g., a Spanish 21<sup>TM</sup> deck of cards with the 10's missing, a canasta deck, a deck with wild cards, etc.). All ranks may be determined as poker ranks. All minimum ranks may be at least one pair. The at least one bet may comprise one, two or three bets. With three bets (three distinct wagering portions or segments, for example), one bet would be allocated towards a), one bet would be allocated towards b), and one bet would be allocated towards c).